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In re Application of  
Adams et al.  
Application No. 10/082,064  
Filed: October 19, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. 32480/3

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: DECISION GRANTING  
: PETITION  
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This is a decision on the petition filed April 11, 2002 under 37 1.10(c), requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of October 19, 2001 rather than the presently accorded filing date of February 19, 2002.

The petition is **granted**.

The copy of Express Mail Label No. EE645127921US proffered with the petition clearly shows a USPS "date-in" postal stamp of October 19, 2001, and further, matches the Express Mail Label No. found on the above-captioned application papers.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE), Customer Corrections, for further processing with a filing date of October 19, 2001.

No fee is due and no fee has been charged. The error is regretted.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-1820. Inquiries related to OIPE processing should be directed to OIPE at (703) 308-1202.

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